IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED:** Atty. Docket No. SYMM1210-2 **December 21, 2004** Applicant(s) George Zampetti et al. Application Number **Date Filed** 10/782,441 February 19, 2004 For STRATUM CLOCK STATE MACHINE **MULTIPLEXING SWITCHING Group Art Unit** Examiner 2816 Nguyen, Minh T Confirmation Number: 5641 Mail Stop RCE Certificate of Facsimile Under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 **Commissioner for Patents** I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to facsimile number 703-872-9306 at the United PO Box 1450 States Patent and Trademark Office on May 23, 2005. Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 John J. Bruckner Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2004. In response to the Office Action, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application in view of the following amendments and the remarks set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows: